has been optimized for its utilisation for the operation and maintenance of transmission lines and sub-stations. The office of powergrid located at Guwahati is headed by an officer of Powergrid and he is attending the office at Guwahati.

(c) There is no proposal to shift the Guwahati office of powergrid to Shillong.

(d) Does not arise.

Educating officials by ENRON

†4054. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prior to initiating Dabhol Power Project in the country, the Enron had spent Rs. 64 crore on educating the officers of banking sector of the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that it had spent similar amount on educating persons of other categories too; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Requirement of money per month for normal functioning of SEBs

†4055. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of money required per month for normal functioning of State Electricity Boards of the country;

(b) the amount of losses being incurred by the loss making SEBs;

(c) the present income of State Electricity Boards, State-wise, in the country and the details of their income in each State during the year 2000-2001; and

(d) the State-wise percentage of transmission losses in the State Electricity Boards alongwith the amounts thereof ?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) The average cost of supply of power per unit is estimated to be Rs. 3.04 in 2000-2001 as against average tariff of Rs. 2.12 per unit.

(b) to (d) The estimated commercial losses estimate revenues and Transmission and Distribution losses as percentage of availability of the State Electricity Boards during 2000-2001 is given in the statement.

Statement

Estimated commercial losses estimated revenue and transmission and distribution losses in 2000-2001

Sl. No.	Name of the State Electricity Boards (SEBs)	Estimated Commercial Losses during 2000-01	Estimated Revenue during 2000-01	Transmission & Distribution losses as percentage of availability
1.	Andhra Pradesh APSEB/APTRANSCO	–3855.38	6775.14	31.0
2.	Assam	–366.94	738.04	35.0
3.	Bihar	–1080.96	2426.20	22.0
4.	Delhi (DVB)	–1186.43	3527.88	45.0
5.	Gujarat	–1446.00	9164.00	19.4
6.	Haryana HSEB/HVPN	–819.51	2993.04	25.0
7.	Himachal Pradesh	–83.62	668.00	17.3
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	–858.41	300.00	46.5
9.	Karnataka SEB	–216.30	5578.88	30.0
10.	Kerala	–286.70	3081.64	20.8
11.	Madhya Pradesh	–2200.78	5935.64	20.5
12.	Maharashtra	–358.12	14090.23	16.7
13.	Meghalaya	–36.19	100.79	20.3

Sl. No.	Name of the State Electricity Boards (SEBs)	Estimated Commercial Losses during 2000-01	Estimated Revenue during 2000-01	Transmission & Distribution losses as per-centage of availability
14.	Orissa OSEB/GRIDCO	–89.92	1780.58	6.0
15.	Punjab	–1308.94	4312.38	16.9
16.	Rajasthan	–1352.12	4554.23	22.0
17.	Tamil Nadu	–956.73	7536.67	16.5
18.	Uttar Pradesh	–2784.04	6180.52	25.0
19.	West Bengal SEB	–933.16	2718.72	28.0
	TOTAL of SEBs :	**–20220.25**	**82462.58**	**23.0**

Indo-Austria Joint Finance Commission for Hydro-Power Project

†4056. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Austria are contemplating to set up a Joint Finance Commission for Hydro-Power Projects;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) The Government of Austria has expressed willingness to share its technical expertise in the development of hydro-power potential in India. During the meeting of the Union Minister of Power with the Austrian Minister for Economic Affairs and Labour on 21-5-2001, it was agreed by both sides that a Joint Working Group should be set up within the frame-work of the Indo-Austrian Joint Economic Commission to deal specifically with issues relating to Indo-Austrian Cooperation in Energy and Power sector with the areas of cooperation to be mutually settled.

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